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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
US PATENT CLASSIFICATION 52/222 & KEYWORDS: SLOTS

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
DWPI IPC B44C, A01G, E04D, E04H, F16B & keywords: cloth, fabric, sheet, canopy, film, material, mesh, web, awning, cover, screen, secure, attach, fasten, slot, slit, recess, channel, clip, member, strip, seal, complement, match, fit, flexible, resilient, deformable, elastic and similar terms.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	US 4662038 A (WALKER) 5 May 1987 Whole document	1 - 15
A	US 4316308 A (CHATELAIN) 23 February 1982 Whole document	1 - 15
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	DK 185585	EP	0187143	FI	860724		
	GB 2172048	GR	80205	IN	161270		
	NO 851667	NZ	209324	WO	8501088		
	ZA 8406617						
US 4316308	AU 34499/78	BE	891741	CH	620971		
	DE 2812665	FR	2385930	GB	1586247		
	JP 54000152						
US 4233790	US 4333284						
US 4788806	US 4920714						
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US 5039246							
US 5647176	CA 2035846	JP	4228762	US	4926605		

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